

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY - REGION III  
SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAMS**

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Grant Program	Environmental Justice (EJ)	Environmental Justice through Pollution Prevention (EJP2)	Brownfields (Cooperative Agreements)	Solid Waste Management Assistance (SWMA)	Pollution Prevention Incentives for States (PPIS)
<b>Purpose</b>	To provide financial assistance to eligible community groups, & federally recognized tribal governments that are working on or plan to carry out projects to address environmental justice issues.	To use pollution prevention resources for addressing environmental problems in low income, high minority areas.	EPA's Brownfields Initiative will empower States, communities, & other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely cleanup, & sustainable reuse Brownfields.	To provide money for demonstration projects that promote effective solid waste management through source reduction, reuse, recycling and improved landfill technology.	To support state agencies in demonstration projects, or in establishing pollution prevention infrastructure in a wide range of sectors.
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Any affected community group, non-profit organization, university, or tribal government. Organizations must be incorporated to receive funds.	Any nonprofit organization incorporated under IRS tax code 501(c)(3), federally recognized Indian tribal government, state, city, county or local government organization.	States, cities, towns, counties, U.S. Territories, & Indian tribes are eligible to apply.	Non-profit entities, state and local governments.	State agencies & inter-municipalities, federally-recognized tribes, territories & possessions. <b>States are encouraged to form partnerships with non-profit organizations and/or local governments.</b>
<b>Award Amount</b>	Up to \$20,000 granted.	Up to \$100,000 granted.	Up to \$200,000 granted	Limited funds available; typical award less than \$50,000.	Varies:Max. amt. \$80,000
<b>Total Awarded in Fiscal Year 1998</b>	\$200,000	\$ 375,000	FY98: 1.8 M	\$300,000	\$480,000
<b>Matching Share</b>	No matching share required.	No matching share required.	No matching share required.	No matching share required.	50% non-federal government share of project total required. (Dollar for dollar match)
<b>Application Due Date (Approx.)</b>	Available: Dec '98; Due: March '99	March	To be determined	January	February
<b>Grant Selection Announced</b>	October '98	September	Spring '99	April	September
<b>Priorities</b>	Projects that improve the environmental quality of the community - examples are: ! having wide application or addressing a high priority issue; ! enhancing skills in addressing EJ issues & problems; ! establishing or expanding information systems for communities; ! facilitating communication, information exchange, & community partnerships; ! motivating the public to be more conscious of EJ issues, leading to action to address those issues  Further requirements will be explained in the solicitation. .	! Projects by community based organizations & local governments that improve the environmental quality of affected communities using pollution prevention as a primary solution. ! Proposals that encourage institutionalization & innovative use of pollution prevention as the preferred approach for addressing environmental justice issues, & whose activities and products can be supplied to other communities. ! Cooperative efforts with business /industry to address pollution prevention goals.	! Encourages community groups, investors, lenders, developers, & other affected parties to join forces & develop creative solutions to assess & clean up contaminated sites & return them to productive use. ! Provides concrete data on Brownfields issues that highlight positive aspects of EPA's waste policies & identify areas that could be improved. ! Provides models of administrative, managerial, and technical processes from which States and localities can learn as they set up processes to assess, cleanup, and redevelop sites of their own.	! Innovative recycling programs ! Outreach & training in source reduction & recycling. ! Projects that use integrated solid waste management systems to solve municipal solid waste generation & management problems at local, regional, & national levels.	! Priority will be given to projects that can't be funded under media grant authority. ! Projects having an awareness of and coordination with other organizations providing similar assistance. ! Projects targeting areas identified as among Region II's highest environmental risks. ! Programs addressing transfer of potentially harmful pollutants across all media: air, land, & water. ! Technical assistance/ training provided to businesses in source reduction techniques. ! Projects with quantifiable waste reduction measurements.
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Grant Program	Superfund Technical Assistance Grants (TAGs)	Community/University Partnership (CUP)	Sustainable Development Challenge (SDC)	Environmental Education (EE)
<b>Purpose</b>	To enable a group of individuals who are affected by a site on the Superfund National Priorities List (NPL) to obtain technical assistance in interpreting information regarding the site.	To help community groups efficiently address local environmental justice issues through active partnerships with institutions of higher education.	To provide communities funding for establishing partnerships to encourage environmentally & economically sustainable business practices.	To provide financial support for projects which design, demonstrate or disseminate environmental education practices, methods or techniques.
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Groups affected by an NPL site. All groups must be incorporated as nonprofit organizations.	Institutions of higher education which have formal partnerships with one or more community group(s).	Local governments, tribes, territories, educational institutions, & incorporated non-profit organizations.	Local, tribal, or state education agencies, colleges & universities, nonprofit organizations, state environmental agencies, & non-commercial educational broadcasting agencies.
<b>Award Amount</b>	Up to \$50,000 initially; in the case of complex sites, additional funds may be available.	Up to \$250,000.	Up to \$250,000.	Up to \$25,000 granted regionally; \$25,001-\$250,000 nationally.
<b>Total Awarded in Fiscal Year 1998</b>	\$250,000	\$2,100,000 nationally	\$5,000,000	approx. \$200,000
<b>Matching Share</b>	20% non-federal government matching share required; in-kind contributions may be used to meet this match.	5% non-federal government matching share required.	20% non-federal government matching share required.	25% non-federal government matching share required.
<b>Application Due Date (Approx.)</b>	Applications may be submitted after a site is proposed for listing on the NPL.	To be determined	Fall 1998.	November 15, 1998
<b>Grant Selection Announced</b>	After community notification period (30 to 60 days), application review & processing time, & approval.	To be determined	To be determined	by July 1999
<b>Priorities</b>	<p>! Because only one grant is available for each NPL site, EPA encourages groups to consolidate in order to provide technical assistance to the most widely representative group of individuals possible.</p> <p>! To this end, EPA notifies the community via a public notice in the local newspaper if an application is received from an eligible group.</p>	<p>EPA will emphasize meaningful, fully interactive two-way cooperation between communities and institutions of higher education to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>! address environmental justice issues,</li> <li>! identify pollution sources,</li> <li>! train residents on their rights and responsibilities,</li> <li>! help resolve environmental problems.</li> </ul> <p>Through these partnerships, communities will be encouraged to become involved in accessing information from environmental databases, in cleaning up &amp; restoring communities that have environmental insults &amp; in surveying &amp; monitoring environmental quality.</p>	<p>! Promote cooperation &amp; collaboration among citizens, businesses, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, government &amp; others to develop locally appropriate tools &amp; processes for sustainable environmental protection &amp; economic development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>! Encourage community investment in &amp; commitment to environmental protection &amp; an increasing understanding of the dependence of long-term economic health on the environment.</li> <li>! Build local &amp; regional capacity for conducting &amp; implementing sustainable planning.</li> <li>! Identify &amp; design effective models &amp; tools for supporting these purposes that can be widely shared by communities nationwide.</li> <li>! Use federal funds to foster long-term investments in innovative sustainability efforts at the community level.</li> </ul>	<p>Applicants must demonstrate how the proposed project is new or significantly improved, has the potential for wide application and addresses a high priority environmental issue.</p> <p>Projects MUST focus on ONE of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>! Health: Education of Human health threats.</li> <li>! Capacity Building: Increasing state, local or tribal capacity to develop environmental programs.</li> <li>! Education reform: Utilizing environmental education as a catalyst to advance state, local or tribal education reform.</li> <li>! Community Issues: Educating the public about local environmental issues.</li> <li>! Teaching Skills: Educating teachers, faculty or nonformal educators.</li> <li>! Career Development: Encouraging students toward environmental careers.</li> <li>! Environmental Justice: Low-income or culturally diverse audiences.</li> </ul>
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